Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga (PCBK)"s visit from April 22—26. 2002; and (d) Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's first visit from December 22—24, 2001. This had been his first visit abroad as new Prime Minister.

Foreign Office Consultations between Sri Lanka and India were held in New Delhi on February 25, 2000 after a gap of 7 years. An agreement to establish a Free Trade Area between India and Sri Lanka was signed during President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga's State Visit to India from December 27—30. 1998.

The Minister for External Affairs on his first trip abroad on July 10—12. 2002 also visited Sri Lanka. During the visit he announced that Government of India would give a grant of US $ 7.5 million to the Government of Sri Lanka for setting up an India Cancer Centre.

India is committed to strengthening and deepening of relations with Sri Lanka especially in the economic sector. Discussions will be held to take relations beyond the Free Trade Agreement to consider coperation including services, technology transfers, investment etc. benefiting from our mutual strengths.

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Government is committed to establishing peaceful, friendly and co-operative relations with Pakistan. However. Pakistan must put a permanent end to cross-border infiltration and terroism directed against India.

List of criminals furnished by Bangladesh

†209. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Bangladesh has forwarded a list of persons residing in India wanted by Bangladesh for committing crimes in Bangladesh;

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(b) if so. the details thereof alongwith the details of the persons mentioned in the list; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (c) Yes. Sir. Bangladesh has forwarded a list of 15 Bangladeshi Nationals wanted for crimes committed in Bangladesh and allegedly present in India. Additional details have been sought from Government of Bangladesh in order to facilitate their identification and apprehension. The Government of India is fully committed to cooperating with Government of Bangladesh in apprehending criminal and anti-social elements.

India's contribution in reconstruction of Afghanistan

†210. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the India's contribution in the reconstruction of Afghanistan and solution of the problems of people: and

(b) the concrete programme of co-operation formulated by India on humanitarian grounds to help Afghanis who are even compelled to sell their children for grains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) India is committed to providing and has provided extensive humanitarian, project and financial assistance to Afghanistan. Government has announced a financial commitment of US $ 100 million for reconstruction and rehabilitation projects in Afghanistan. Out of this, on 10th July, 2002, the Government transferred a sum of US $ 10 million into the account of Afghan Government as grant for

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